

Appl. No. 09/745,177  
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**REMARKS**

**Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-3 and 9-26 are pending.

Claims 1-3 and 9-26 stand rejected.

**I. Claim Listing**

Claims 4-8 have been identified as suggested proper by the patent office. Please accept this submission of new claims listing as a proper response.

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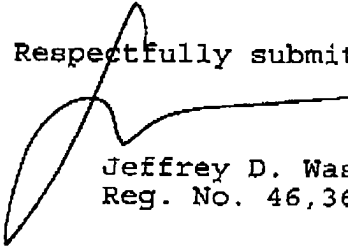
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### III. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and removal of all rejections to claims 1-3 and 9-26, which are clearly patentable as amended over the cited prior art combinations.

Please feel free to call collect with any questions regarding this submission or any matters relating to this application.

Respectfully submitted,



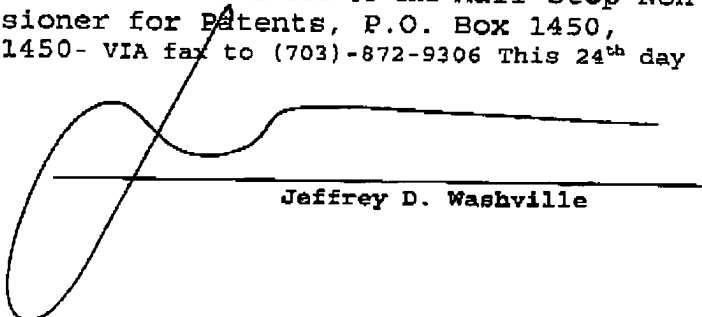
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